

IN THE CREED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : D. Romeo

Group Art Unit : 1647

Applicant : Hermann Oppermann, et al.

Application No. : 09/375,333

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For :  $MODIFIED TGF-\beta SUPERFAMILY PROTEINS$ 

New York, New York December 3, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a <u>four</u>-month extension of time to reply to the Restriction Requirement dated <u>July 2, 2001</u>. With the extension, a response is due on or before <u>December 3, 2001</u> (December 2, 2001 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$1,440.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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